

REMARKS

Applicants are responding to the Examiner's final rejection mailed March 29, 2005. Reconsideration of the above mentioned application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Firstly, Applicants wish to clarify the comments made in the interview summary attached hereto. The undersigned received a call from Examiner Ross Gushi on March 24, 2005 in response to Applicant's submittal of Applicant's request for reconsideration. Applicants filed the request for reconsideration on the basis that the previously entered Final Rejection was premature, based upon new grounds of rejection by the Examiner. The Examiner appeared to agree with Applicant's position that the grounds for rejection in the Final Rejection were premature as he indicated that he would have to review the application again in issuing a new Non-Final Rejection.

However, the Examiner indicated that since he would have to review the application again, he indicated that he would be reviewing all of the claims once again and that some of the previously allowed claims may now be rejected. He thus urged us to take the already objected to allowed claims in order that the case may be moved to allowance. My response was that as the Final Rejection was premature, I would like the opportunity to respond to a new Non-Final Rejection as opposed to taking what is already allowed. The Examiner's interview summary appears to indicate that I flatly rejected discussing any possible amendments to put the claims in condition for allowance, which is not the case.

In light of the Examiner's most recent Final Rejection, Applicants have amended claims 1, 33, 36, 39, and 41 and have canceled claims 4, 5, 35, 38 and 40 herein. In addition Applicants have entered new claims 69-80. An explanation of all of these amendments is found below.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 4 but has objected to claim 5. Applicants have hereby amended claim 1 to include the limitations of 4 and 5 and have canceled claims 4 and 5 herein.

With respect to independent claim 33, the Examiner objected to claim 40 and Applicants have included the limitations of claim 40 and the intermediate claims 35 and 38 to claim 33 and have presented new claim 33 herein. Claims 57-68 were previously allowed and remain allowed in this latest office action.

Newly entered claim 69 is claim 9 as rewritten in independent format to include the limitations of claim 9 and intermediate claims 6, 7 and 8 therein. This claim should be presented in allowable format.

Newly entered independent claim 73 is an independent claim rewriting dependant claim and objected to claim 13 as an independent claim including the limitations of claim 1 and 13 therein.

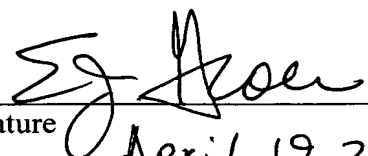
With all the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that claims 1, 6-34, 36, 37, 39, and 41-80 are in condition for allowance, as all of the present claims were allowed or objected to claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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